

The King's Academy: Sixth Form Curriculum

Curriculum Overview

In Key Stage 5, students typically study three subjects (or the equivalent of three subjects). This allows students to specialise in those areas which are essential to their studies in higher education or their future career. Students typically study each subject for five periods per week (ten periods for vocational courses worth 2 A levels). In addition, students also undertake non-examined study in the following areas:

- ▶ Careers Education (one period)
- ▶ Enrichment (two periods)
- ▶ Philosophy, Theology & Ethics (one period)

Students spend the remaining periods in independent study across the week.

Subjects

The King's Academy offers the following subjects in Key Stage 5:

'Academic' A levels

These subjects are assessed fully or mainly by examinations at the end of Year 13. These subjects do not typically have any coursework element.

- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Business Studies
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ English Language
- ▶ English Language & Literature
- ▶ English Literature
- ▶ French
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ German
- ▶ Government & Politics
- ▶ History
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Further Mathematics
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Religious Studies
- ▶ Sociology

'Practical' A levels

These subjects are assessed by a combination of examinations and ongoing assessment (coursework) in roughly equal proportions.

- ▶ Fine Art
- ▶ Physical Education
- ▶ Product Design
- ▶ Textiles
- ▶ Theatre Studies

Vocational Courses*

These subjects are assessed mainly by ongoing assessment (coursework) but may also have an examination element (typically up to 25%).

- ▶ Applied Science [1]
- ▶ Business [1 or 2]
- ▶ Food & Nutrition [1]
- ▶ Health & Social Care [1 or 2]
- ▶ Information Technology [1]
- ▶ Music [1.5]

* Numbers in brackets show the equivalent number of A levels for each course.

Please note that all courses will run subject to demand and the Academy reserves the right to withdraw a course in any year if there is insufficient interest. Equally, some subjects have limited numbers and if over-subscribed, the Academy will use a range of measures to allocate places to students (attendance; responsibility for learning; career aspirations where known; behaviour; etc.)